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The FCC is considering rule changes that could force Christian radio stations to either modify their messages or be forced from the air.

Although not directed specifically at those using the airwaves to disseminate the Good News of the Gospel, potential rule changes could put Christian Broadcasters in an untenable position. If enacted, the proposals could force Christian radio programmers to either compromise their messages by including input from those who don't share the same values, or to run the risk of costly, long and potentially ruinous government inquiries.

PROPOSAL: Specifically, the FCC is considering a proposal that would force every radio station to take programming advice from community advisory boards broadly representative of an area's population. That means that Christian broadcast stations could be forced to take programming advice from people whose values are at odds with the Gospel! A well-organized group of atheists, abortionists or secular humanists could demand representation— and have standing to cause trouble at the FCC if they were turned away.

RESULT: Any Christian Broadcaster who stands up to the pressure and refuses to compromise on matters of conscience, could find his or her station. slicense renewal tied up for many years as the FCC considers complaints and allegations over nothing more than the station's chosen broadcast message!

PROPOSAL: Among the proposed new regulations are requirements that stations report, every three months, how much programming of various types has been broadcast, who produced it, and how it reflects the interests of a cross-section of local residents — even those who do not share Gospel values.

RESULT: If enacted, such requirements will give Christian Radio's opponents powerful new tools to harass and possibly silence Gospel inspired voices. Armed with these reports, adversaries can file complaints with the FCC against Christian Broadcasters who refuse to compromise on Gospel principles; any Christian Station that insists on only pure Gospel programming could be made to pay a high price for its refusal to yield airtime to those with other messages.

PROPOSAL: One proposed variation would even force stations to grant a certain amount of airtime to any group that requests it — much like cable television systems make time available on "public access channels."

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RESULT: But unlike public access channels, which were created as a kind of open public forum, Christian Radio is a combination of pulpit and mission. The government cannot force messages from any pulpit, nor insist that missionaries promulgate viewpoints contrary to the Gospel. The same way, it should not be forcing Christian Radio stations to deliver the messages promulgated by secular humanists, abortionists or atheists.

RESULT: The FCC is also considering ways it could increase its coercive powers to force speech on unwilling broadcasters. Even a station that avoided sanctions during a typical eight-year license term could find its license renewal challenged.

While this has long been true, in recent years, the delays caused by these challenges usually more of a nuisance than a disaster, as skilled civil service professionals worked through issues. These government experts had authority to apply reason, and ultimately granted almost every renewal presented.

PROPOSAL: But the FCC is considering a renewal processing procedure that would take renewal-granting power out of the hands of qualified civil servants when a Christian station, in good conscience, has kept its message pure and not allowed its facilities to be used to promulgate other messages. Instead of routine processing by civil servants, such a station's renewal application will be subject to the often multi-year process of review by the politically-appointed FCC commissioners.

RESULT: Not only will such a designation make a license renewal more time-consuming, but also more costly to obtain. Christian Broadcasters facing such a process will likely need greater assistance from lawyers and other consultants— added expenses that could prove ruinous.

PROPOSAL: Finally, the FCC is also proposing to drive up the costs of providing Christian Broadcasting services by eliminating labor-saying technological enhancements that make it possible to operate radio stations, at least part of the time, without an employee on the premises.

RESULT: Although such un-staffed operations have been the norm for years, the FCC is considering a rule to require staffing whenever a radio station is on the air — even if all the programming at that time is delivered by satellite. God's love may be free to all, but getting the word out will become even more expensive — perhaps too expensive for some radio stations.

PROPOSAL: The FCC is also considering a proposal that would force many Christian stations to relocate their main studio facilities.

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RESULT: Now, it is possible to serve several missions from one location. But under this proposal, many co-location arrangements would be forced to end – raising daily operating costs and imposing immediate expenses related to moving, construction of other facilities and overseeing forced relocations.

RESULT: When coupled with the rapidly rising costs of broadcasting, including multiplying electricity expenses, extended staffing requirements and forced relocations will leave some Christian Broadcasters with little choice: either cut back or give up. The First Amendment protects the free exercise of religion. The government must not be allowed to impose rules that violate it. Christian Radio needs your support now to keep its message of salvation strong on the nation's airwaves. It's not just a Christian thing—everyone's fundamental constitutional rights are at stake.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

The FCC is taking comments on these proposals. You can add your comments to the record. The FCC can only make rule changes based on evidence—and the evidence you submit can make a difference!

By Mail: Send a letter, specifying what the FCC must not do and why. Make sure you place the docket number on top of the letter to be sure it is delivered to the correct office:

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Mail your comments, so they arrive by April 14, 2008 to

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By Internet: Visit http://www.savechristianradio.com for easy step-by-step comment submission assistance.

You can also write to your Senators and Congressman. Tell them that freedom of religion and freedom of speech are threatened. Describe the problematic FCC proposals and the harm they will cause, if they are adopted. For help locating your Senators and Congressman — visit http://www.savechristianradio.com

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Chairman Kevin J. Martin Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the matter of Broadcast Localism MB Docket No. 04-233

Dear Chairman Martin,

I am writing in support of Clear Channel Radio – Nashville. The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI) has had a long-standing and very positive relationship with Clear Channel Radio – Nashville.

Clear Channel – Nashville has utilized their different venues and programs to help JFI educate the public about the "Silent Epidemic" of youth suicide. Clear Channel Radio – Nashville went beyond running Public Service Announcements and featured our mission on talk shows, sport shows and even during regular music programming. Clear Channel has also supported The Jason Foundation in our fundraising efforts for over five years in a row with various events. Clear Channel has truly been a "partner" with The Jason Foundation and our efforts to prevention youth suicide – the 3rd leading cause of death for youth ages 15-24.

I urge the ECC not to impose unnecessary and burdensome regulations that would hinder Clear Channel Radio Nashville's ability to continue its already excellent relationship with JFI and so many other community efforts.

Please contact meshould you need further information.

Sincerek

Clark Flatt

President/CEO

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Clear Channel Radio has been extremely supportive of the museum through PSA's, interviews and stories during our 2007 Year in Exhibitions. Clear Channel's active participation helped drive traffic to some very diverse programming. From Speak Truth to Power, an exhibition featuring 50 powerful portraits of human rights defenders; to Peter Max: Maximum Exposure, a retrospective showcasing the artist's work from Pop to Patriotism and Cosmos to Causes; to Sparkle & Twang: Marty Stuart's American Musical Odyssey, a visual feast of artifacts and instruments belonging to a "who's who" of Music City performers; to Bagels & Barbeque: The Jewish Experience in Tennessee, the story of one tenacious group of Tennessee immigrants who embraced the culture they found there, Clear Channel proved to be invaluable.

We are indebted to this broadcast company for performing such an outstanding service to its local audience. With their assistance, the museum has been able to reach many citizens with inspiring art and history. We are hopeful that this productive collaboration will continue well into the future.

Sincerely.

Lois Riggins-Ezzel

Executive Director

CC: Senator Lamar Alexander, Senator Bob Corker, Representative Marsha Blackburn, Representative Steve Cohen, Representative Jim Cooper, Representative David Davis, Representative Lincoln Davis, Representative John J. Duncan Jr., Representative Bart Gordon, Representative John Tanner, Representative Zach Wamp

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